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Recapitalization program restoring repair shelters, vans to premier condition

Electronics repair shelters and vans are being restored to like-new condition through a joint effort of the Army's Electronic Shop Van Recapitalization Program at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, and the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff are the key players in the program that is also incorporating several reliability and supportability initiatives as well as safety fixes.

PM FSS, located at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., has overall responsibility and oversight of the program to recapitalize AN/ASM-146 and AN/ASM-147 shelters and AN/ASM-189 and AN/ASM-190 vans used as the primary maintenance facilities for the entire Army electronics maintenance mission for combat service support. They provide a sheltered facility for bench testing, repair and calibration of avionics, communication, electronic, navigation, photographic and infrared systems. Upgrades include improvements to power service and signal interface components, and U. S. Army Combined Arms Support Command recommendations.

PM FSS manages the cost, schedule and performance of the program, while the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, drafts the order for the fiscal year Electronic Shop Van Recapitalization inductions and fielding schedule. The depot technicians rebuild the shelters and vans and C-E LCMC executes the fielding plan.

The depot has been active since the programs inception, which initially produced and modified work orders and technical manuals. Shelters and vans are disassembled, and sheet metal is replaced, repaired and tested for leaks.

Army brass visits TACOM's forward repair facility, views vehicle repairs

The Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3 Operations, recently made a brief visit to the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's Arifjan Forward Repair Facility at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to see how tactical vehicles are repaired and up-armored to support the Soldier in theatre.

Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace Jr., saw where vehicle engines and transmissions are completely overhauled/re-built and where tactical vehicles are armored by civilian employees.

Col. Charles Wilson, AMC-FSB-SWA commander, conducted the tour at the Arifjan facility, one of several forward repair centers AMC oversees in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Qatar. Forward Repair Activity shop supervisor James Cromer from Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, and division chief FRA Randy Hughes, Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, Ala., also assisted with the tour.

To date, these facilities have repaired over 32,000 vehicles, re-built nearly 700 engines and 272 differentials on tactical vehicles. Army and Navy civilians, Soldiers and contract civilians at the Arifjan facility have installed thousands of armor kits and newly-designed air conditioners on tactical vehicles for use in Iraq and Afghanistan, returning more than \$28 million of serviceable major components to the Army's supply system.

Always a Soldier program formalized, MOU signed between VA and AMC

The U.S. Army Materiel Command, along with the Department of Veteran Affairs, formalized the Always a Soldier program Monday with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at headquarters AMC.

The official party included Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack, deputy commanding general of AMC, and Judith A. Caden, director of Veteran Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services.

"This MOU just formalized an existing relationship between the Army Materiel Command and the Department of Veterans Affairs," said Caden. The Always a Soldier program focuses on hiring disabled veterans to work for AMC. To date, the program has hired 11 employees and is in the process of obtaining its twelfth employee.